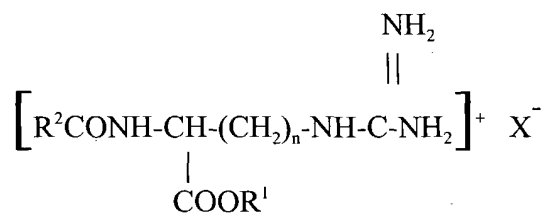


ABSTRACT

A stable aqueous antiplaque oral composition containing (a) an antibacterial ester compound
5 having the formula



where R¹ is an alkyl chain of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, and R² is an alkyl chain of 6 to 30 carbon
atoms and X is an anion. (b) a surfactant; (c) a humectant; and, wherein the composition is
15 free of monohydric alcohol.